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THE LEADING STORE IN PONOKA.

Our Winter Goods Sale is Now in Full Blast.

Now is your time to get the BIGGEST BARGAINS ever offered in Ponoka. Come and get prices before buying your supplies. We can save you money on every purchase. And don't forget that with every One Dollar purchase you are entitled to a guess on the number of beans in the jug in our window.

You may secure a free trip to the World's Fair or Seventy-Five Dollars in Cash.

Fairley's.

Cash Talks..

When You Buy at Our Store...

A price cut from 20 to 25 per cent, when you know it is genuine, should be sufficient inducement to you to buy some of the necessities of life.

Look Over the Following List of Discounts and Prices for Cash Buyers:

Ready-Made Clothing	20 per cent off Regular Price.
All Ladies' and Girls' Shoes	25 " " "
Ladies' Skirts and Jackets	25 " " "
Wool Top Shirts	20 " " "
Ladies' and Children's Leggings	20 " " "
Black Satins	regular \$ 20 now \$ 15 per yard.
Homeopins	1 25 " 80
Camel Hair Buildings	1 65 " 1 15
Zebelines	1 25 " 80

TO THE FARMER

Who buys his supplies in wholesale lots we will pay special attention in the way of prices. If you intend buying in this way we can make it worth your while to let us quote you prices.

"The Busy Store on the Busy Corner."

F. E. Algar & Company



"The Land of the Big Red Apple"

Okanagan Valley, British Columbia

If interested in this Garden Spot of Canada, write—
FISHER & SAGE, Armstrong B. C.

Too Much Money!

I have too much money invested in Watches and will make a

Substantial Reduction

in Price for the remainder of this month to reduce Stock.



WATCH ME!

FITCH, the Jeweler.

LOOK HERE FARMERS.

I am here to do the fair and square thing by you and solicit your patronage in my line.
FEED GRINDING—I am prepared to do your feed grinding on short notice. My prices are the lowest in Ponoka and will guarantee satisfaction.
CHOP FEED—Have a full stock for sale.
GRAHAM FLOUR—I keep choice Graham Flour for sale at \$2.50 per cwt. After giving it a fair trial, if it is not satisfactory bring it to me and get your money back.
WHEAT WANTED—I want to buy good wheat. Will pay big price for right quality.
WOOD SAWING—Will saw wood if brought to my mill.
F. W. CANFIELD.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN. Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. alternating every Sunday. Sabbath school at 100 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evenings. All cordially invited. J. A. MAIR, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH. Services at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. alternating every Sunday. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting 8:00 p. m. on Friday evenings. The public cordially invited.
T. J. P. PAVAN, Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. Services in the school house at 10:30 every first Sunday in each month.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Services held first and third Sunday in each month at 1:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Services will be held in hall, hall every Lord's day at 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting from house to house every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited.
J. E. PENNELL, Pastor.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. Services in hall over HERALD office every third Sunday in each month at 8:00 o'clock a. m.
V. GIBBS, Pastor.

PROFESSIONAL.

DRINMAN & CAMPBELL.

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON. Office and room over Drug Store. 20 per cent extra for night calls.
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J. A. JACKSON, B. A.

ADVOCATE, SOLICITOR, CONVEYANCER. Notary Public and REAL ESTATE. Money to Loan. Fire and Life Insurance. Office over Herald & McGillivray's bookstore.
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CALGARY BUSINESS COLLEGE. was established in 1890 to give practical up-to-date training in Short-hand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Business methods, etc., and many of the pupils now hold good positions. P. O. Box 122, Calgary, Principals.

Ponoka Postoffice.

Mails going south close at 10:15 a. m. north, 2:30 p. m. Money order issued to all parts of Canada and the United States. Postal notes payable at any office in Canada at 60 cents for \$1.00. P. E. ALGAR, P. M.

WAR IS DECLARED

Russia and Japan Actively Engaged.

Port Arthur, Feb. 9.—Japanese torpedo boats attacked the Russian fleet here during the night, and three of the Russian ships were badly damaged.

In consequence of the attack by the Japanese torpedo boats martial law has been proclaimed.

Attack Made at Midnight. Admiral Alexieff's official report of the attack by the Japanese is as follows:

"I most respectfully inform your majesty that at or about midnight on February 8, the Japanese torpedo boats made a sudden attack by means of mines upon the Russian squadron in the outer roads of the fortress of Port Arthur in which three battleships, Retvizan and Czarevitch and the cruiser Pallada were damaged. An inspection is being made to ascertain the character of the damage. The details are following for your majesty."

Russians Pray for Victory. The imperial ball which was to have been held this evening has been cancelled. At 2 o'clock this morning the imperial court and all functionaries will attend a solemn mass to pray for the victory of the Russian army.

Japanese Leave Port Arthur. The Japanese residents are leaving Port Arthur. On Monday a steamer took 100 and proceeded to Dairen. The Chinese are leaving Port Arthur to return to their families.

Russians Fear Chinese Rising. Russian officers and foreign merchants are leaving Chefoo for fear that the Chinese will rise. War correspondents will use dispatch boats. Foreign officers

who have been refused permission to accompany the fleet will probably accompany the army.

Japan Buys More Ships. The Chinese legation here has announced that Japan has purchased the Chilean battleship Captain Prat, the cruiser Chacabuco, the gunboat Almirante Condell. These vessels fully equipped, will sail immediately for Nagasaki.

Naval Battle Raging. The admiral has received a wire from Port Arthur saying that a naval battle is raging there with 11 Japanese ships. One Russian ship is sunk. The town is in flames and people are fleeing.

Snow and Fire Combined.

The first three days of the week our mail was quite irregular and many were at a loss to understand this condition of affairs as we have had apparently no weather that would result in the blockade or delay of train service in this part of Alberta. The following from Monday's Calgary Herald will give a full explanation of the difficulty and at the same time show the kind of weather they are having in parts of the Dominion to the south of us. The Herald says:

"From Friday night until 3 o'clock this morning there were no trains from the coast, owing to the tremendous snow fall, which blocked the road with over seven feet of snow between the coast and the main line. The road is clear now, however and no further difficulty is likely to be experienced. The trains from the coast have also been making some time and moments owing to the storm. The train which arrives here at 2:30 Sunday morning was held in Cal. It left all day yesterday and did not leave until 2:10 this morning. Saturday night's westbound train was held at Brandon and was brought back from there and ran east as No. 2.

Today's eastern mail did not arrive until 11 o'clock this morning. This was due to the fact that heavy rain was laid at Brandon where the engine was stalled on account of the extreme cold. By the time that Medicine Hat was reached the train was seven hours late, having been further delayed by the burning of the engine car

BALTIMORE IN FLAMES

\$175,000,000 in Property Lost

BUSINESS PART Is Almost Completely Wiped Out

The most disastrous fire of modern times occurred in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, last Sunday and Monday. The fire was caused by a wind that was almost a gale and the whole of the business portion of the city was devastated. Starting with a series of explosions at eleven o'clock Sunday when thousands were attending church, the flames spread rapidly and within three hours swept the entire wholesale district. At three this morning eight firemen had been killed.

The property loss is estimated at two hundred million dollars. Twenty square blocks of buildings in the heart of the city have been destroyed. Scores have been injured. Several hospitals in the heart of Baltimore have been seriously affected, two being burned. The supply of ambulance wagons have not only been used to transport the fire victims to outlying hospitals, but were employed in transferring the sick from hospital to hospital. All the telephone wires are now down.

Every newspaper plant in the city with the possible exception of the Sun has been destroyed. Several of the largest banks containing funds roughly estimated at a million dollars are in ruins. No one knows whether the cash still in red hot vaults is still redeemable or not. The people are in the streets.

An Encouraging Letter.

Woodbine, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1904. Mr. Eugene Rhian, Please find enclosed \$1 for which renew my subscription to the Ponoka Herald and if it is just the same give me the combination. If that country is growing as fast as the Herald I think it will do for me to move up by another year.
Yours,
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The whole city detachment of the Maryland National Guard has been called out by the governor. They are now patrolling the streets bounding the fire-stricken section. This was rendered necessary by the enormity of the disaster, the lawlessness and unspectacular of the blow.

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Special Notice

To the People of the Ponoka District...

The business men and merchants of Ponoka will receive American money at par value from now until Feb. 20 after which it will be subject to 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

By order of the Ponoka Board of Trade.

F. M. LEE, EUGENERHIAN, President, Secretary.

JOB PRINTING AT THE HERALD OFFICE.

News Briefs.

Items of Interest Picked Up Around Town.

C. E. Buch and B. J. McNeill are taking out wood from Geo. Cox's land west of town.

F. W. Brease left for his home at Madison, S. D., Tuesday after a visit with his parents and relatives here.

F. W. Canfield received a card of education sent the first of the week which he delivered to the townspeople at \$6 per ton.

Communion service will be held in the Baptist church next Sunday evening. The services are held in the Dick Opera House.

Several Ponoka people were called to the supreme court at Wetaskiwin this week as witnesses in the case against Charles McEann. Among them were Walter McKelvey, Julius White and some others.

Three deaths are reported to have occurred in the Fairly Bank neighborhood Wednesday night. They were two sons of Albert A. Peterson and one of A. E. B. Hays. We hope to secure fuller particulars for next issue.

We received a letter from Geo. E. Sprague Monday from Wood River, Neb., where they are now residing. In the course of his letter Mr. Sprague says they are now having very nice winter weather here. He concludes by adding "we miss the Herald and hope to soon be receiving it again."

Very flattering reports come from the lakes of the season logging thus far. The weather has been favorable and the roads from a lumberman's point of view have been first-class. At Battle Lake E. W. Buck and C. Hinkley are the heads of the camps, the former with a contract for 500,000 and the latter for 1,000,000 feet. Mr. Buck has met with very encouraging success and already has his contract well nigh filled, while Mr. Hinkley is also proceeding well with his undertaking.

The Herald has just turned out a large order of printed matter for Andy Reed. Among the lot is a complete system of loose leaf book-keeping blanks similar to the Cope-land-Chatterton system. We are now prepared to turn out this work in as good a manner as the Cope-land-Chatterton people at all the same price. Andy has received a portion of his goods and expects to have his store open to the public the first of next week.

Wednesday was a pretty cold day, it being 38 below zero in the morning but it did not hinder the auction sale at John Holden from being a grand success. A good sized crowd turned out and good prices were secured by Auctioneer Shuff. For all the property sold. The four horses, \$80, \$82, \$97, and \$102 respectively. Cows brought from \$34 to \$39, hammers \$22 to \$28 and calves \$11.50 to \$15. The proceeds of the sale amounted to \$2945. Mr. Holden has no intention of leaving the country, and we believe the idea he has in view is a good one. Batching as he was and with as much stock as he had, it is hard to have never accomplished anything more than his chores. He will now take two yoke of cattle and spend a couple of years clearing and breaking and he will then be in a position to go into farming on a paying basis.

A recent letter from Houston Cox advises us that he is now located at Kimberly Heights, Texas. Houston is evidently doing some missionary work for Alberta as he requests us to send him a number of pamphlets containing information regarding Canada. Of the climate and country there he says:

"There is no snow here now. We had a little snow storm last week. It melted in a few hours. It rained here Christmas day. Land around here sells for \$10 per acre without improvements. I believe Alberta land around Ponoka is worth twice as much as here. The climate is not so bad here, although it may look different when spring opens up. The soil is arid clay and a great deal of rock crops out here and there. It is hilly, almost mountainous. They raise some corn here. On the hills it does not do much good but on the bottoms it makes a fair crop. A good many of the boys here are south-western and nearly all of them have a little of the Negro blood."

W. J. Milne R. W. McKinnell represented the Ponoka Liberal Association at a meeting held at Lethbridge Wednesday night.

C. A. Morris was up from Morningstar this first of the week and had his name enrolled on the number of HERALD readers in this vicinity.

Herb J. Hardy, for several years connected with the Winnipeg branch of the Toronto Type Foundry, has recently been appointed manager of this branch to succeed J. C. Croome.

Frank Hollister and wife were not unduly by the cheerful tones of a fine baby boy who arrived Wednesday. All extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hollister.

A representative of the Manville Fire Extinguishers was here Tuesday and placed a few of its instruments here. The town fire department is not yet organized but at all it is almost necessary that every business place be provided with some means of extinguishing any incipient fire that may originate.

Wishes He Was Back.

It has been recently reported that Frank Yandl and John Bursaw were such sick of their return to Ponoka and were coming back to Alberta as soon as they could get back. The report so far as Frank is concerned is well founded is quite evident from the following extract from a letter received from him bearing date of January 11: "I am in Fillmore county, Neb., and I want you to send me the Ponoka Herald as I want to have from Alberta. I think if a man has a home in Alberta he is foolish to leave it because there is nothing for a poor man here. I may be back up there before long."

The first of the week gave us a touch of genuine winter weather and just to remind us of what the people were having in other parts. Monday morning it was 30 below while Tuesday morning the mercury went down to 32. At the present time it is gradually getting warmer and promises to soon get back to typical Alberta weather.

This office acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a handsome picture and hanger from Edward L. Drewry. The picture represents H. H. the Prince of Wales, duck shooting on Lake Manitoba, during his visit to this country. It is said that His Royal Highness is an excellent shot and thoroughly enjoyed the sport, bagging a number of fine birds. It is but fair to western enterprise to say that the hanger is all the work of Winnipeg printers.

Four new postoffice of interest to the Ponoka district have recently been granted local facilities. They are White Brush, Earlville, Maunfred and Eldersville. The rapid development of this part of the border the past two years has made a heavy demand upon every postal department for increased postal services and it is a matter of congratulation that this is being supplied as rapidly as it is.

E. R. Matten says he lately had a letter from relatives in South Dakota in which they stated that a body in the neighborhood had the Alberta fever. The same is reported from various portions of the states and coming season promises to be one of activity in immigration circles of the Canadian Northwest.

Charles McCann and Archie Mann returned from Wetaskiwin yesterday where they had been arranged before the supreme court on the charge of horse-breaking. It will be remembered this case resulted from the boys entering Henry Dick's store recently and stealing some articles and the small change in the till. After hearing the evidence which was quite conflicting Judge Scott dismissed the boys under \$100 bonds for good behavior for two years.

Stanley Evans was down from Battle Lake the first of the week, where he has been logging during the past few months. Stanley came to this country with the writer and since that time has been patiently plying away until now he has good prospect of coming out on top of the heap of pioneer adventures. He has a good home-land in Fairly Bank district where he will receive a patent next spring and which will then represent at least a thousand dollars for his three year's time spent here. He is a good man, the rest of his beginning in Alberta was small but with good health and no bad misfortunes he is bound to succeed.

For the Kitchen... Have you given our flavoring Extracts a trial? Lemon, Vanilla, Pineapple, etc. Once used you will have also other. Entire satisfaction or your money back. R. W. McKinnell

Business Locals

Going, going, everything going at big reductions at Fairley's stock clearing sale.

Buy your next dollar's worth of goods at Fairley's and take a guess at the number of beans in the jug.

Farmers, remember the new Alberta Hotel Feed barn where in the town. The largest, warmest and best feed barn in town.

Remember that all parties paying one year in advance for this paper receive the Montreal Herald free.

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NOTICES

For Sale.

A magie lantern in perfect condition and 125 slides. Will sell cheap. Call at Herald office.

Taken Up.

One station engine, black, with white steam, 16 horse, one and four wheel, about six years old. Owner please call and take same away. Sec. 15-44-25. J. B. STUBBS.

Strayed—Recovered.

From my place five miles east of Ponoka two yearlings, one steer and one heifer, branded Z on left hip. A reward of \$5 will be paid for their return. W. H. MILNE.

For Sale.

One pair of horses about 8 years old, weight about three thousand pounds, first class work team. Can be seen at my place 14 miles south of town. J. B. STUBBS.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Kendall & Hall is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Kendall retiring. Mr. Hall will continue the business and settle all accounts. Fairly Bank, January 4, 1904.

For Sale.

About 20 tons of upland hay, also Early Ho potatoes. In large quantities delivered at 25 cents per bu. 25 miles south of town. W. N. SHUFF.

For Sale.

A large pair of well broken cattle. A bargain if sold soon. Can be seen at my place on 24-2-23. Wm. W. BATHON.

For Sale.

One new Gas Peck well auger, can bore 18, 24 and 30 inch holes, also have a few registered Hereford bull calves for sale. Address: H. G. CURRY, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

Farm for Rent.

750 acres three miles from Ponoka to rent. 100 acres broken; 12 acres in fall, all under fence. For terms call on W. G. CURVEY.

For Sale or Rent.

Having decided to quit farming I offer my farm situated six miles E. of Ponoka for sale or rent. About 50 acres under cultivation. Fair buildings and fences, 7 acres of hog pasture. This place has been remarkably free from frost and has produced good crops every year. Will consider offers. E. Ingman.

Special Notice.

To the Ratepayers of Ponoka: Notice is hereby given that if taxes not paid in full must be paid at once or steps will be taken for the collection of the same. C. W. MYER, C. W. MYER, Treasurer.

No Sale to Last Our.

All parties owing bills in the Ponoka Home country who have not paid for them in full are urgently requested to call and settle for the same at once. These matters must be settled up with our further delay.

W. H. CURTIS, Treasurer.

To Consumptives.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread disease consumption, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a sure cure for Consumption, Asthma, Cough, and all lung troubles and lung maladies. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is a valuable one. He will not claim a cure which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address: RAY EDWARD A. WILSON, Brooklyn, New York.

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